

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 5th January 2014**

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## **The 2014 IRTS AGM hosted By The GALWAY VHF GROUP**

March 22nd & 23rd 2014

The IRTS AGM and Rally will take place in the GALWAY BAY HOTEL on Sunday 23rd of March 2014 hosted by the Galway VHF Group. The Rally promises to be bigger than ever. Long standing and many news traders will attend.

There will be no charge for tables in the Trading area. Each individual trading at a table will be charged just the admission fee of 5 Euro per person. The IRTS Annual Dinner will take place in the Galway Bay Hotel at 8pm on the Saturday night and tickets for this will be available at 35 Euro from Steve EI5DD.

Enquiries about tables at the Rally and AGM Weekend should be directed to Steve EI5DD at 087 2451218

Tickets for the IRTS Dinner may be obtained from any committee member of the IRTS or from Steve EI5DD (0872451218). A special rate for accommodation is available from the Galway Bay Hotel if you mention the IRTS AGM Weekend when booking on 091 520520.

More information will follow as the AGM weekend draws closer.

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## **IRTS 80 metres Counties Contest**

The IRTS 80 metres counties contest was held on New Year's Day. Band conditions were favourable - low noise levels and good local propagation at least for the first two hours; as darkness fell, some contesters had to contend with strong signals from continental European stations.

The contest was well supported by Irish and British stations. Most EI and GI counties were heard, although some Midland counties such as Carlow, Laois and Offaly did not feature in any of our correspondents' logs. Despite the inclement weather, at least four stations operated portable: Shannon Basin Radio Club (EI3Z) were on Cairn Hill in Longford, two portable stations were in County Cork: Avondhu Radio Club (EI1E) in Watergrasshill and Dave EI9FBB, who was on Bweeng, near Mallow. We also heard Joe EI7GY, operating from a site near Glenmalure in County Wicklow.

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## **2 Metres Counties Contest 2014**

The IRTS 2 Metres Counties Contest takes place on Monday April 21st 2014. The date for the submission of logs is May 5th 2014. Full details, rules and regulations are available on [irts.ie](http://irts.ie)

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## **Phoenix Amateur Radio Annual Rally**

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club are pleased to announce that the annual Coolmine Radio Rally in Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 will take place on Sunday February 16th 2014. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5.00. For table bookings please contact Tony on 087 2439997.

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## **Limerick – Radio Theory Classes**

Radio theory classes in preparation for the next Amateur Station License will begin in January 2014. The classes will be held in Limerick City, and anyone from Region 4, which comprises Clare, Kerry, Limerick & Tipperary, are welcome to attend. If you are interested please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB via email [ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com](mailto:ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com) or by phone to 087 2532512 / 061 354922

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## **Limerick Radio Club Special Event Callsign EI4LCC**

Limerick City is honoured and delighted to be Ireland's first National City of Culture 2014. To celebrate the event, members of Limerick Radio Club will air EI4LCC, Limerick City of Culture 2014, during 2014 from their own QTH & from various locations within Limerick. All details are on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com)

The Limerick Radio Club rally will take place at the Radisson Hotel on Sunday 9 March 2014. Further details to follow.

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## **International Museum weekends 2014**

The 2014 IMW will take place on the two weekends of the 14th/15th and 21st/22nd June. More details about the event, its history and how to register to take part can be found at [www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw/](http://www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw/) There is absolutely no cost involved for taking part, nor is there any cost for the range of IMW Awards.

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## **Special Callsign Justin EI30T**

The callsign EI3ØT (Echo India Three Zero Tango) has been issued to Justin EI3CTB as a special callsign to use during 2014 to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of his amateur radio licence issued in 1984. This is the first time the prefix EI3Ø has been issued.

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## **Declan EI9HQ WAI Runs**

Declan will be running in County Donegal Sunday 5th January 2014 from about 10.00UTC. On January 12th he will be running in County Wicklow on a run down into Roundwood, again starting at 10.00UTC, same QRZ. Frequencies used are 7.170KHZ + OR – or also using 7.160KHZ .

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## **DX News**

Alex M6CFW returns to Cambodia from 9 – 14 January. He will reactivate his XU7AEU callsign. He plans to operate using PSK and SSB. QSLs go via his home call.

Vic I2PGT is active from Zanzibar Island as 5H1VC until 12 January. He is using CW on 40 – 10m and RTTY on 20m. QSL Manager is RW6HS.

A group of Finnish operators will be QRV from the Aland Islands until 13 January. They will operate from the OH0X contest site and will use the callsign OG0A. QSLs go via OH2BH.

Now some news of interest to prefix hunters. To celebrate the Bicentennial of the Norwegian Constitution amateurs in Norway are allowed to use a special prefix during 2014. LA stations may use the prefix LI , and LB stations may use the prefix LI.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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